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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

STARRED QUESTIONS

Government Press

Candidates for the posts of apprentices in printing in the Government Press.

* 1768 Q.—Mr. A. B. SHETTY: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) how many applications were received by the Superintendent, Government Press, Madras, for the posts of apprentices in printing advertised by the Government last year;

(b) how many amongst the applicants were the sons of printers;

(c) whether there was anybody amongst the selected candidates who had the qualifications of any experience in the printing business;

(d) whether the Government are aware that in the advertisements for apprentices' posts in Government Presses of other Provinces special mention was made that sons of printers or candidates who had aptitude for printing would be given preference in the matter of selection;

(e) whether there was any correspondence between the Government and the Superintendent, Government Press, Madras, regarding this matter and was the latter asked why he did not show preference to candidates who were in touch with the art of printing; and

(f) if so, will the Government be pleased to place this correspondence on the table of this House?

A.—(a) 633.

(b) 12.

(c) No.

(d) The Government have no information.

(e) & (f) The Government do not consider that the correspondence about the selection of apprentices should be placed on the table.

Mr. A. B. SHETTY:—"With reference to clause (e) of the question, may I know whether the Government asked the Superintendent, Government Press, why he did not show preference to candidates who had experience in the printing line?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—"Yes, Sir, he was asked."

Mr. A. B. SHETTY:—"May I know what his reply was?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—"He replied saying that there was only one such applicant and he did not satisfy the required qualifications. He was over-aged and his marks in the S.S.L.C. examination were low."